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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am concerned regarding the rapid appearance of multiple antibiotic resistant bacteria brought on by the evolutionary pressures of the overuse of antibiotics. We in the medical community need to reduce antibiotic use and adapt practices that reduce the adverse effects of antibiotic use. In addition, a huge contribution can be made to reducing the problem by reducing or eliminating the use of antibiotics in animal feeds. Without question, the use of antibiotics for the promotion of weight gain in livestock should be stopped immediately. A real effort should be made to shift away from using the same antibiotics in livestock as in humans. Serious untreatable human infections, or even epidemics, await us if we are not able to control this problem.

Sincerely,



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